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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS  
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING AUGUST 15, 1974:

QUOTE:

MR. ANDERSON: I HAVE ONE ANNOUNCEMENT I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE  
YOU FOR YOUR OWN GUIDANCE -- SOME OF THE DETAILS ON THE  
VISIT OF KING HUSSEIN, OF JORDAN, WHICH MAY BE HELPFUL TO  
YOU.

HE ARRIVES THIS AFTERNOON ABOUT 5 O'CLOCK, OUT AT ANDREWS  
AIR FORCE BASE, AND

TOMORROW MORNING, HE WILL HAVE BREAKFAST WITH THE NEAR  
EAST SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF  
THE SENATE.

AND THEN AT 10 O'CLOCK, HE WILL MEET WITH MEMBERS OF THE  
SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

Q. OPEN?

A. I DO NOT KNOW, YOU CAN CHECK WITH THE COMMITTEE ON  
THAT.

Q. WHAT TIME DOES HE HAVE BREAKFAST?

A. 8:30.

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Q. WHO IS THE HOST?

A. THE NEAR EAST SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
FOREIGN RELATIONS.

Q. AND THE CHAIRMAN IS --

A. I ASSUME THE CHAIRMAN IS THE HOST, YES.

Q. FULBRIGHT?

A. THEN AS YOU KNOW, THERE IS A MEETING WITH THE PRESI-  
DENT AT 11:30, AND SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL OFFER LUNCH

AT 1 O'CLOCK -- A WORKING LUNCH.

Q. HERE?

A. YES.

AND THEN THERE WILL BE A DINNER AT THE WHITE HOUSE AT 8 O'CLOCK TOMORROW NIGHT.

AND ON SATURDAY MORNING, THE KING, HIS MAJESTY THE KING, WILL BE MEETING WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER.

Q. TIME?

A. IT'S MIDMORNING, YOU CHECK DEFENSE FOR THE EXACT TIME.

Q. IS THERE ANYTHING OVER HERE SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY WITH THE SECRETARY?

A. NO.

Q. FOLLOW-UP TALKS?

A. NO, NOT THAT I'M AWARE OF.

Q. NOTHING TONIGHT?

A. NOT THAT I'M AWARE OF, NO. I THINK HE WILL SPEND A

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PRIVATE EVENING.

Q. HOW LONG WILL HE REMAIN IN WASHINGTON?

A. I BELIEVE HE IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE ON SATURDAY.

Q. IS HE GOING TO NEW YORK BEFORE GOING HOME?

A. I DO NOT KNOW.

ASK THE JORDANIAN EMBASSY ON THAT.

Q. IS THIS AN OFFICIAL VISIT?

A. NO, IT IS NOT. IT'S A PRIVATE VISIT.

Q. THE OTHER DAY YOU SAID YOU WOULD CHECK INTO WHETHER OR NOT THE UNITED STATES COULD CONFIRM OR DENY THAT THE SOVIETS ARE SHIPPING IN MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF ARMS INTO SYRIA, AND THE OTHER POINT WAS WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN A SYRIAN VIOLATION OF THE TROOP DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT.

A. THAT INFORMATION WAS POSTED. CHECK IT.

Q. WELL, THE SECOND HALF WAS POSTED. I DON'T THINK THE FIRST HALF WAS. THE RESPONSE ON THE VIOLATIONS QUESTION--

A. THAT IS THE ONE POSTED.

Q. BUT THE OTHER HALF OF THE QUESTION -- THE SOVIET ARMS SHIPMENTS TO SYRIA.

A. I SAID THAT I COULD NOT CONFIRM OR DENY THIS, AND I DID NOT TAKE ON A QUESTION TO LOOK INTO IT AND COME BACK TO YOU. I JUST MADE THAT AS A STATEMENT, THAT I COULD NOT CONFIRM OR DENY. I DID NOT CONSIDER THAT THAT WAS A QUESTION, AND I HAD AGREED TO TAKE IT.

Q. ON THE SAME SUBJECT, BOB, THE SECRETARY IS QUOTED TODAY IN THE EGYPTIAN PRESS SAYING THAT WE WOULD RECEIVE HERE IN WASHINGTON SOON THE SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON THAT?  
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A. AS I MENTIONED, I THINK, JUST BEFORE YOU CAME BACK FROM LEAVE, I HAVE SEEN THIS PRESS REPORT ALSO, AND I WILL GIVE YOU ALL THE DETAILS THAT I CAN AS SOON AS I CAN ON THE VISIT, FORTHCOMING VISIT OF THE SYRIAN REP-

RESENTATIVE. BUT I CANNOT CONFIRM FOR YOU AT THIS TIME WHO IT IS GOING TO BE, OR THE EXACT DATES. BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU I WILL GET IT TO YOU JUST AS SOON AS I CAN.

Q. MR. ANDERSON, CAN YOU SHED SOME LIGHT ON THE VISIT OF MR. FAHMI IN WASHINGTON -- WHAT DID THE UNITED STATES ACHIEVE, WHAT EGYPT GAINED DURING THIS VISIT?

A. ON THIS, I WOULD LIKE TO REFER YOU TO WHAT THE SECRETARY SAID, I BELIEVE IT WAS, ON MONDAY, AND WE HAVE AVAILABLE FOR YOU, IF YOU WOULD LIKE, THE TOASTS THAT THEY GAVE AT THE DINNER LAST NIGHT. YOU WILL HAVE AVAILABLE ALSO THE JOINT STATEMENT WHICH WILL BE SIGNED -- I CANNOT GIVE YOU THE EXACT TIME YET. IT MAY BE THE BEGINNING OF THE WEEK.

Q. WHAT HAVE THE OBSTACLES BEEN IN REACHING AN AGREEMENT ON THAT STATEMENT?

A. IT WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN DONE YESTERDAY, AS I REPORTED IN THE BRIEFING, AND THERE WAS A CONFLICT BECAUSE OF THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING THAT WAS SET UP AT THE WHITE HOUSE -- WITH THE PRESIDENT. AND NOW THERE ARE CERTAIN SCHEDULING PROBLEMS, I GATHER, THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS. HE HAS SET UP CERTAIN THINGS FOR THE REST OF THIS WEEK. AND THE SECRETARY HAS HIS SCHEDULE. THERE IS NO SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEM, IF THAT IS WHAT YOU ARE LEADING UP

TO.

Q. THAT IS CERTAINLY WHAT I WAS LEADING UP TO -- YES.

A. NO, THERE WAS NOT.

Q. THERE IS NO SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEM WHATSOEVER?

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A. THAT IS WHAT I HAVE BEEN INFORMED.

Q. DOES THE FOREIGN MINISTER --

Q. EXCUSE ME -- I WANT TO PURSUE THIS A BIT. IT IS  
SIMPLY A MATTER OF SCHEDULING. THAT SEEMS RATHER STRANGE,  
BECAUSE THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS BEEN SPENDING A LOT OF  
TIME WITH THE HOUSE COMMITTEE, THE SENATE COMMITTEE.  
THERE IS NO QUESTION OF LANGUAGE IN THESE DRAFTS?

A. THERE IS NOT. AND ONE ADDITIONAL POINT, THAT I WAS  
JUST GIVEN ON THIS, IS THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE EGYPTIAN  
DELEGATION AND THE EXPERTS ON OUR SIDE HAVE FOUND THAT  
THEY HAVE MUCH MORE TO DISCUSS -- THIS IS NOT A QUESTION  
OF PROBLEMS, BUT THEY HAVE MUCH MORE TO DISCUSS THAN  
WAS POSSIBLE IN THE TWO DAYS ORIGINALLY ALLOTTED. AND SO  
THEY ARE STILL MEETING AND THEY EXPECT TO CONTINUE MEETING  
TODAY AND TOMORROW.

Q. WHICH OF THE SUB-GROUPS -- THE SCIENTIFIC?

A. WELL, ON THIS THERE ARE -- LET ME GIVE YOU SOME OF  
THE INFORMATION ON THIS. THREE GENERAL SUBJECTS -- TRADE  
AND INVESTMENT; REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION ALONG  
THE SUEZ CANAL -- THESE ARE SOME OF THE SUBJECTS COVERED.  
EGYPTIAN AGRICULTURAL NEEDS; MEDICAL COOPERATION; CUL-  
TURAL EXCHANGES; TECHNOLOGY; RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.  
AND THIS MORNING, FOR EXAMPLE, MEMBERS OF THE EGYPTIAN  
DELEGATION MET AT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ON DEVELOP-  
ING JOINT VENTURES BETWEEN U.S. BUSINESS AND EGYPT. AND  
YESTERDAY CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION  
SPENT THE DAY OVER AT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH  
ON PLANNING MEDICAL EXCHANGES. AND TOMORROW ANOTHER MEET-  
ING IS GOING TO TAKE PLACE AT THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
WORKING OUT INVESTMENT PROCEDURES FOR FOREIGN CAPITAL  
GOING INTO EGYPT. AND OTHER DISCUSSIONS HAVE TAKEN  
PLACE OVER THE PAST TWO DAYS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,  
EDUCATION AND WELFARE. THIS IS JUST TO GIVE YOU AN  
IDEA --

Q. DOES THIS INDICATE, AS SOME REPORTS HAVE IMPLIED,  
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THAT THERE IN FACT WERE SOME QUITE IMPORTANT SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN RESOLVED, AND THAT THE REASON THE TALKS HAVE NOT ENDED IS BECAUSE THERE WERE ADDITIONAL REQUESTS COMING FROM THE EGYPTIAN SIDE WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN CONCLUDED HERE?

A. ON THE QUESTION, ALL I CAN SAY, MURREY, IS THAT ON THE QUESTION OF ANY PROBLEMS, OR DIFFERENCES, I AM ASSURED THAT THIS IS NOT THE CASE. THAT IS ALL I CAN TELL YOU.

Q. WHEN YOU SAY MUCH MORE TO DISCUSS, YOU DIDN'T MEAN ALL THESE AREAS, DID YOU? ISN'T THERE ONE PARTICULAR AREA -- SPECIFICALLY, THE TERMS FOR THE NUCLEAR REACTOR -- THAT HAS CAUSED THE DELAY, OR THE ADDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PUT IT THAT WAY?

A. I AM UNAWARE OF THAT.

Q. YOU ARE UNAWARE OF ANY SNAGS OR --

A. THAT IS RIGHT.

Q. --OR UNFORSEEN DIFFICULTIES?

A. THAT IS RIGHT. I WAS TOLD THE OPPOSITE BEFORE I CAME DOWN.

Q. WILL THE SIGNING OF THIS STATEMENT BE DONE PUBLICLY

A. YES.

Q. AND IN A CEREMONIAL WAY?

A. IT WILL BE DONE PUBLICLY.

Q. WHEN DO YOU EXPECT THAT TO BE DONE, BOB?

A. I WILL LET YOU KNOW AS SOON -- IT LOOKS AS IF IT MAY NOW BE AT THE VERY BEGINNING OF THE WEEK. BUT AS SOON AS UNCLASSIFIED

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WE GET IT, I WILL GET THE WORD TO YOU.

Q. HAVE THERE BEEN ANY CONCRETE DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THE NEXT STAGE IN THE DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE IN THE MIDDLE EAST THAT CAME OUT OF THE FAHMI-KISSINGER TALKS?

A. I REFER TO WHAT THE SECRETARY AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER

HAVE SAID ON THIS SUBJECT. THIS IS PART OF THE EXPLORATORY PROCESS THAT IS GOING ON HERE, TO SEE HOW THE NEXT STAGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE DEVELOPED, AND THIS IS ONE OF A SERIES OF MEETINGS THAT THE SECRETARY IS HAVING HERE. AS WE HAVE SAID MANY TIMES, THIS IS A TIME FOR QUIET DIPLOMACY HERE. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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